

YOUTH INTERVENTION IN NORTHERN IRELAND
ACTION PLAN ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CJINI REPORT
Progress Update October 2024

PSNI (15 October 2024)

Key Recommendations - Strategic and Operational

No.	Report Reference	Recommendation	Lead Agency	Accepted Y/N	Update	Milestone / Target Date
1.	SR1	Within six months of report publication, the Youth Justice Agency, the Police Service of Northern Ireland and the Department of Justice agree and implement an improvement plan that ensures a shared vision, strategic collaboration and ownership of the vision for youth justice in Northern Ireland with synergy across all relevant strategies, and an effective monitoring framework to ensure the vision is achieved.	YJA / PSNI / DoJ	Yes	<p>Management within PSNI's Criminal Justice Branch have been formally invited, by the Department of Justice, to join the Strategic Framework Implementation Group, with a view to having an input in the Strategic Framework for Youth Justice 2022-27. The next meeting will be in November 2024. The aim is to ensure joint ownership of the vision for youth justice in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Management within PSNI's Criminal Justice Branch met with the Chief Executive of the Youth Justice Agency and their management team, on Wednesday 18th September 2024. Further quarterly meetings have been agreed, with a view to enhancing strategic links. Although the group will initially consider how to implement the recommendations in the CJINI report, it is hoped that the regular meetings will also provide both organisations with joint strategic governance at a senior level. Part of the new agenda will also aim to consider how both PSNI and the Youth Justice Agency share data, with a view to driving improvement for particular groups. This will include a joint assessment of the use of CRNs in relation to children and young people.</p>	January 2025

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					A follow up meeting between Superintendent Criminal Justice Branch and YJA's Chief Executive occurred on 8 th October 2024.	
2.	SR 5	Within six months of report publication, the Youth Justice Agency, the Police Service of Northern Ireland and the Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland should agree an action plan to evaluate the approach to Community Resolution Notices for children. This should ensure regular quality assurance, monitor equity in use, and assess how the needs of children, families and victims are met.	PSNI / PPS	Yes	<p>PSNI's Criminal Justice Branch are delivering a number of projects under the governance of the 'Out of Court Disposals' Group. The Youth Justice Agency are represented on the group, promoting strategic collaboration and ownership from the initial development of relevant criminal justice processes.</p> <p>The first set of Data, relating to the new CRN process, will be presented to the group in October 2024.</p> <p>A first draft of the Joint Quality Assurance Review of Community Resolution Notices (CRNs) and Penalty Notices for Disorder (PNDs), Service Level Agreement, has been written. The document will be shared with the Public Prosecution Service for their consideration. The aim is to dip sample approximately 2% to 5% of such disposals per calendar month.</p> <p>A forthcoming CJI inspection on the PSNI use of CRNs is scheduled for 2024/25.</p>	January 2025